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## Federal Opportunities

**Hazardous Substances.** *The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ)* announces funding to affected local organizations to support projects that examine issues related to a community's exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Funds can be used to develop a new activity or substantially improve the quality of existing programs that have a direct impact on affected local communities. Eligible applicants include local community-based organizations with nonprofit status. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2004. Approximately \$500,000 is available to make grants of up to \$25,000. For further information, contact Reginald Harris, Region 3 Primary Contact, at (215) 814-2988, [harris.reggie@epa.gov](mailto:harris.reggie@epa.gov), or USEPA Region 3 (3DA00), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-4465.htm>.

**Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants.** *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to promote improvements in the quality of new teachers, with the ultimate goal of increasing student achievement in the nation's K-12 classrooms. Eligible applicants include partnerships, which include, at a minimum, a public institution of higher education with an eligible teacher education program, a school of arts and sciences, and a high-need local educational agency. The deadline for pre-applications is April 2, 2004; the deadline for full applications is June 14, 2004. Approximately \$28.8 million is available for 25 awards, ranging from \$500,000 - \$ 2 million. For further information,

contact Luretha Kelley at (202) 502-7645 or [Luretha.Kelley@ed.gov](mailto:Luretha.Kelley@ed.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-4766.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Technical Assistance and Training for Immunization Coalitions and Immunization Information Dissemination.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to provide support for immunization coalitions and for the dissemination of immunization information to enhance the effectiveness of disease prevention programs that reduce the annual burden of vaccine preventable diseases. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, universities, colleges, hospitals, community- and faith-based organizations, and government entities. The deadline for applications is May 3, 2004. Approximately \$682,000 is available to fund 4 awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$400,000. For further information, contact Karis Sapsis at (404) 639-8837 or [ksapsis@cdc.gov](mailto:ksapsis@cdc.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-4808.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Personnel Preparation To Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities.** *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)* announces funds to help address state-identified needs for qualified personnel to work with children with disabilities; and ensure that those personnel have the skills and knowledge that are needed to serve those children. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education. The deadlines for applications vary (see chart at website listed below).

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Approximately \$14.2 million is available for 65 awards, ranging from \$163,848 - \$250,000. For further information, contact the DOED's Grants and Contracts Services at (202) 205-8207; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-4722.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

## District Opportunities

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at [http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding\\_grants/index.sh](http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh) tm for the following notices:

*The DC Commission on National and Community Service, National Youth Service Day*, March 15, 2004, at 5pm.

*The DC State Education Office (SEO), FY2004 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program*, March 19, 2004, at 5pm.

*The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates*, March 26, June 25, September 24, and December 30, 2004.

## Foundation Opportunities

**Adult and Lifelong Learning Initiative.** *The DC Children & Youth Investment Trust Corporation* is requesting proposals for the funding of quality programming to serve DC parents. Successful applicants will show a commitment to the high standards and "seamless web" philosophy shared by the Trust Corporation, Mayor Williams, the State Education Office and the DC City Council. The Trust Corporation seeks to fund effective programming that serves the needs of various communities and populations in the city. Eligible applicants are all private entities, including community development corporations, community action agencies, community- and faith-based organizations, nonprofit and for-profit service providers. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2004. Approximately 10-15 grants will be made. The maximum grant amount will be \$125,000. For further information and to find

out about a possible Bidder's Conference, call (202) 347-4441; or go to: <http://www.cytc.org/cytc/>.

**Gay and Lesbian CyberCenters.** *The David Bohnett Foundation* seeks to improve society through social activism. The Foundation makes grants to local gay and lesbian centers across the country for the creation and support of David Bohnett CyberCenters. These CyberCenters offer educational, research, and recreational opportunities to the gay and lesbian community via access to the Internet. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) designations whose mission and programs are closely aligned with the Foundation. Letters of Inquiry (LOI), no longer than two pages, are accepted at any time. LOIs must be e-mailed to Michael Fleming, Executive Director, at: [mfpfleming@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpfleming@yahoo.com). For further information, go to: <http://www.bohnettfoundation.org/>.

**Job Skills.** *Staples Foundation for Learning* provides funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 2, 2004. Mail completed grant application package to: Staples Foundation for Learning, 500 Staples Dr., 4 West, Framingham, MA 01702. For further information or to obtain a copy of the application, contact the foundation at: [foundationinfo@staples.com](mailto:foundationinfo@staples.com); or go to: [www.staplesfoundation.org](http://www.staplesfoundation.org).

**Service-Learning Initiative.** *State Farm Insurance Companies® and the National Service-Learning Partnership* announce funds for a three-year initiative to grow the practice of service-learning in K-12 school districts. Service-learning, a teaching method for integrating service projects into academic study, boosts students' academic achievement and civic preparation. Eligible applicants include K-12 school districts. The deadline for applications is April 16, 2004. The Initiative will fund six school districts with a total of \$90,000 (\$15,000 each) over three years to integrate and sustain service-learning in their schools, school districts and surrounding community. For further information, contact Theo Luebke, Director of District Initiatives, at (212) 367-4620 or [tluebke@aed.org](mailto:tluebke@aed.org); or go to: [http://www.service-learningpartnership.org/service\\_learning/SF\\_GoodNeighborInitiative.cfm#initiative](http://www.service-learningpartnership.org/service_learning/SF_GoodNeighborInitiative.cfm#initiative).

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**Women's Health.** *Ms. Foundation for Women* provides grants to support empowerment, safety, reproductive rights, resources for women with HIV/AIDS, and improving the lives of girls. Through its Reproductive Rights Coalition and Organizing Fund (RRCOF), the Foundation aims to support the development of a strong and diverse grassroots movement for reproductive and sexual rights, as well as comprehensive reproductive healthcare. RRCOF helps to expedite and improve the work of organizations and coalitions addressing state policy related to sexuality and reproductive health. Eligible applicants include state and local coalitions and membership organizations mounting proactive strategies that address sexuality and reproductive rights in the context of women's health, consumer rights, patient rights, racial and economic justice, or other contexts that broaden beyond a single issue. The deadline for applications is April 9, 2004. Grants typically range from \$15,000-\$30,000. For further information or to access the application, call (212) 742-2300; or go to: <http://www.ms.foundation.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=5>.

## Resources & Announcements

**Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).** *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

**Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations.** *The Department of Housing and Urban Development*

(HUD) has issued a proposed rule on Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations. On December 12, 2002, President George W. Bush signed Executive Order 13279, entitled "Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations." The Executive Order establishes fundamental principles and policymaking criteria to guide executive branch agencies in formulating and developing policies that have implications for faith-based and community organizations to ensure the equal protection of the laws for these organizations in programs receiving federal financial assistance. HUD's proposed rule describes its policy for the participation of faith-based organizations in HUD programs and activities. In addition, this proposed rule would amend the regulations for the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to clarify that the requirements contained in HUD's September 30, 2003, final rule regarding the equal participation of faith-based organizations in certain HUD programs apply to the State CDBG program. The deadline to comment on this proposed rule is May 3, 2004. Comments should be submitted to Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0500. For further information, contact Ryan Streeter, Director, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, HUD, Room 10184, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0001, (202) 708-2404; or hearing-or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-4811.htm>.

**Health in the National Capital Region.** *The Foundation Center* will host a dialogue among nonprofits, grantmakers, and government on Health in the National Capital Region: Reducing Disparities and Increasing Access. The speaker will be George C. Benjamin, M.D., Executive Director of the American Public Health Association, followed by a panel presentation of local perspectives. This session will take place on March 31, 2004, 9:00am-11:00am, at the American Public Health Association, 800 I (Eye) Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. (Closest Metro stop is Gallery Place/Chinatown on the Red, Green or Yellow Lines. Take the 9th & G Street

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exit.) This program is offered free of charge. Space is limited. For further information and to register, call (202) 331-1400; or go to:  
<http://www.fdncenter.org/washington/hncrdc.html>.

**Health Policy Grantmaking.** *The Foundation Center* will host a briefing on trends in foundation giving for health and health policy following its Health in the National Capital Region: Reducing Disparities and Increasing Access session (see above). Steven Lawrence, Director of Research for the Foundation Center, will present this research update. This session will take place on March 31, 2004, 11:30am-12noon, at the American Public Health Association, 800 I (Eye) Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. (Closest Metro stop is Gallery Place/Chinatown on the Red, Green or Yellow Lines. Take the 9th & G Street exit.) This program is offered free of charge. Space is limited. For further information and to register, call (202) 331-1400; or go to:  
<http://www.fdncenter.org/washington/resupddc.html>.

**Lead in the District of Columbia.** *The Department of Health (DOH)* has issued a letter from the Interim Chief Medical Officer regarding the current water situation, ways to decrease lead exposure from water, and other lead information. This letter has been translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean. To access this information, go to:  
[http://dchealth.dc.gov/information/fact\\_sheets/lead.sh tm](http://dchealth.dc.gov/information/fact_sheets/lead.sh tm).

**Open Source Information.** *The Nonprofit Open Source Initiative (NOSI)* provides a primer for nonprofits regarding choosing and using open source software. This primer describes Open Source as “software distributed with the condition that anyone using it must have access to, and the ability to give away unlimited copies of, both the program and the source code that is needed to make changes to the program. Commercial software, also called proprietary software, is software that is distributed under commercial license agreements, usually for a fee, and without access to the source code.” To access this primer, go to: <http://nosi.net>. For additional information on open source, see the following websites:  
<http://www.debian.org/devel/debian-nonprofit> - This page from the Debian Web site contains updates and information on the Debian project to develop an

operating system for nonprofits.

<http://sourceforge.net> - SourceForge is a centralized Web site for open source software development, providing free hosting to tens of thousands of projects.

[http://www.guidestar.org/news/newsletter/open\\_source.jsp](http://www.guidestar.org/news/newsletter/open_source.jsp) - GuideStar’s article “Open Source and Nonprofits: A Good Match?”

**Successful Nonprofit Boards.** *McKinsey's Nonprofit Practice* has produced a report on lessons learned from high-performing nonprofit boards. Board leaders of organizations that are recognized as successful were asked how they used their time. A series of interviews with 32 board chairs, CEOs, and executive directors yielded a set of three distinct roles that a high-performing board plays: first, the board must shape the direction for the nonprofit through its mission, strategy, and key policies; second, the board needs to ensure that the leadership, resources, and finances in place are commensurate with the vision; and finally, the board must monitor performance and ensure prompt corrective action when needed. To access the detailed report, as well as a board self-assessment tool, go to:

<http://www.mckinsey.com/practices/nonprofit/ourknowledge/dynamicboards.asp>.

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